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1. The following OEGII contracts for NIS production are ranked in order of importance of retention:

Commerce	-	Bureau of Census	-	427,000
Agriculture	-	ERS	-	150,000
Commerce	-	EDSA	-	135,000
Interior	-	Fish and Wildlife	-	75,000
Agriculture	-	Forest Service	-	96,000
Labor	-	BLS	-	120,000
Interior	-	Bureau of Mines	-	233,000
Commerce	-	BIC	-	108,000

2. In ranking OEGII contracts emphasis was placed on their relative importance to the NIS as an integrated and balanced program of basic intelligence, on identifiable user requirements, and, in a broader sense, on the national security interest. Other considerations included: availability of coverage in other present programs or intelligence services, perishability of information, and quality of product.

3. General Impact

a. To stop production on these important elements would sacrifice a major investment of government manpower and money over a 20-year period in that a significant portion of this basic national intelligence would be condemned to rapid obsolescence and ultimate destruction. The termination of basic intelligence support by non-USIB agencies would mean the dissolution of a number of experienced, specialized, and uniquely competent staffs, thus creating serious gaps in critical intelligence capabilities, in sociology and economics. Such action would furthermore directly conflict with the DCI's responsibility under NSC 1 to "call upon other departments and agencies as appropriate to ensure that on intelligence matters affecting the national security the intelligence community is supported by the full knowledge and technical talent available in or to the Government...."

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b. Under the National Security Act of 1947 and implementing Presidential directives, the DCI and CIA have the standing responsibility to support and maintain the National Intelligence Survey Program as the government's only structured interdepartmental effort, providing basic, background intelligence coverage of foreign countries.

c. Considering the interagency character of the NIS (not limited to the intelligence community), elimination of any significant element of the program would require a more comprehensive and government-wide assessment of the impact of such action than can be efficiently and effectively accomplished by CIA on a unilateral basis. It should be noted that the NIS coverage plan recently approved by USIB assesses current NIS requirements and establishes a basis for long-range production planning in which the non-USIB agencies play a major role.

4. Attached are statements of impact resulting from the discontinuance of each contract along with brief qualitative evaluations.

8 Attachments
As Stated

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